



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

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H.R. 3378 **Marine Turtle Conservation Act of 2003**

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Resources on May 5, 2004

SUMMARY

H.R. 3378 would direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish a program to support activities to protect and conserve marine turtles. The bill would authorize the appropriation of \$5 million a year over the 2005-2009 period for the Secretary to convene an advisory panel and provide financial assistance to eligible government agencies, international or foreign organizations, or private entities engaged in such activities. CBO estimates that such assistance would cost \$24 million over the 2005-2009 period, assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts. H.R. 3378 also would authorize the Secretary to accept and use donations to provide financial assistance; hence, the bill could increase revenues and direct spending. Based on information from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, however, CBO estimates that any new revenues and subsequent direct spending would be insignificant.

H.R. 3378 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) and would have no significant impact on the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 3378 would cost \$24 million over the next five years. For this estimate, CBO assumes that H.R. 3378 will be enacted near the start of fiscal year 2005 and that authorized amounts will be provided as specified in the bill. Estimates of outlays are based on historical spending patterns for similar programs. The estimated budgetary impact of H.R. 3378 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 300 (natural resources and environment).

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars				
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION					
Authorization Level	5	5	5	5	5
Estimated Outlays	1	4	8	6	5

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

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